



*Hall of Distinguished Honor  
Foundation Scholarship Recognition  
Class of 2023*



The  
Board of Directors of the  
Barren County Education Foundation  
and the Barren County Alumni

Request the pleasure of your company  
at a Reception and Induction Ceremony

Honoring  
the 2023 inductees into

*The Barren County Hall of  
Distinguished Honor*

June 3, 2023



### *Reception*

Lobby, Barren County High School Auditorium

### *Presentation of Colors*

Barren County JROTC

### *National Anthem*

Madyson Coots

### *Opening Remarks*

Bo Matthews

Superintendent, Barren County Schools

### *Invocation*

Joey Bunch, Barren County Alumni

### *Master of Ceremonies*

Brennan Crain, Barren County Alumni

### *Hall of Honors Inductees*

Ronnie Doyle

Michael Goodman

Eugene Maxwell

Mica Pence

Steve Ragle

Bud Tarry

### *Scholarship Recognition*

Alumni Scholarship

Alumni Post-Secondary Scholarship

Ruel & Nell Houchens ATC Skills for Success Scholarship

Barry Britt Memorial Scholarship

Brad Cannon Scholarship

Sherri Davis Memorial Medical Scholarship

Joe & Alice Elliott Mathematics Scholarship

Danny Hale Memorial Electric Scholarship

Cleo & Glynnia Hogan Excellence in JROTC Scholarship

Lockshield Partners "Arthur Cotton" Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell-Crews-Thompson Scholarship

Pat & Wayne Gaunce Memorial Scholarship

Purple Toad Business Scholarship

Helen Russell Future Educator Scholarship

### *Closing Remarks*

Dr. Jerry Ralston

## Hall of Distinguished Honor

The Barren County Alumni Association celebrates the induction of the 15th class into the Hall of Distinguished Honor. We are proud to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to their country, their state, and Barren County Schools. The awards are based on leadership, loyal support, service, and dedication to our schools and to the respective disciplines. Each year, nominations for membership in the Hall of Distinguished Honor are accepted through October 1st. From the nominations, the Hall of Distinguished screening committee selects the individuals.

### Barren County Hall of Distinguished Honorees

**2007** - Christopher Paul Bastien\*, Dr. Keith Morrison, Louie Broady Nunn\*, Van T. Vance\*, Pamela Waldrop Shaw, Dr. Darrell Whitley, Jim Newberry.

**2008** - Gail Arterburn Broady, Woodford L. Gardner, Jr., Ledean Bailey Hamilton, David L. Gray, David R. Proffitt, Helen Russell\*.

**2009** - Johnny Bell, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Julie S. Norman, Sarah A. Bowers\*, Tim England\*, Bobby H. Richardson, Dorothy McCubbin, Doug Furlong.

**2010** - Dr. Sheila Botts, Commander Craig Mattingly, Linda Bewley Mayberry, Steve Newberry, Commander Loren Shipley, Wes Strader\*, Stanley Wilson\*.

**2011** - Ronnie Bastin, Jonathon Gooden\*, Ed Hatchett, Sheila Pruitt, Bobby Steenbergen.

**2012/2013** - Cleo Hogan, Jr., Lonnie Perkins, Terry Reed, Golda Walbert\*, Dr. Jason Zimmerman.

**2014** - Jewell Colliver\*, Ruel Houchens\*, Harry Jewell\*, Frances Steenbergen, Dr. Bruce Wilkerson.

**2015** - James Bailey, Larry Glass, Sr., Tommy Matthews\*, Ella White Morgan\*, Kenneth Nuckols\*, Keith Rigdon.

**2016** - Wes Berry, Janet Gray Carrico, Shawn Hunt, Sheila Lawrence, John Robert Miller\*, Cherry Kay Smith.

**2017** - Steven Burton, Brad Cannon, Allen Dossey, Leland Glass, Gene B. Johnson\*.

**2018** - Danny Basil, Charles Campbell, Debra Mitchell Crews, Karen Davis, Brandon Greer, Staci Greer, Janice James

**2019** - James Coomer\*, Kenneth Edwards, Bud Layne, Carole Manion, Kim Wilkerson

**2020/2021** - Patrika Barlow, Teresa Bewley, Gary E. Gillon Jr., Laura Flowers Stephenson, Jeremy Spillman, Scott Young.

**2022** - Jackie Browning\*, Dr. Christopher McCoy, Tony McGuire, Dr. Jerry Ralston, Tim Shipley

\*deceased



## **Ronnie Doyle**

### **Edmonson County High School - 1961**

Ronnie Doyle is a 1961 graduate of Edmonson County High School. After graduating he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies and Geography from Western Kentucky University. He continued his studies at WKU, receiving his master's degree in 1967 and Rank I in 1969.

Mr. Doyle's teaching career began in Warren County, and then he took a position in Barren County. He was the principal of Red Cross Elementary for two years and then moved to the Central Office to become the Director of Pupil Personnel, a position he held for 12 years. Mr. Doyle retired from the Barren County School system in July 2001.

During his years as an educator, Mr. Doyle held many leadership positions with various organizations. One of those organizations was the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. Mr. Doyle was an active member of this organization for 14 years. He was a member of the board for the 4th Region KASA for four years. He was a member of the 4th Region Director of Pupil Personnel Workers for 12 years and president of that group for five years. In addition, he was a member of the State Advisory on Pupil Attendance from 1983-1984.

During his time at Barren County, Mr. Doyle was very active in his role as Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP). For two consecutive years he participated in a Department of Education in-service training for new DPPs. He was chairman of the committee to rewrite the Barren County Board of Education policies and was also chairman of the Barren County Committee to develop student attendance policy. His work in these areas led to over 70 school districts seeking assistance in the writing and development of their attendance policies.

Mr. Doyle was an active participant in the Park City Parent-Teacher Association, holding the office of vice-president and then president. In addition, he is very proud of his involvement with the Park City Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher for 10 years, assistant Sunday school superintendent for two years, Sunday school superintendent for two years, Royal Ambassador sponsor for six years and Young Adult youth sponsor for four years.

One of Mr. Doyle's passions was his work at Mammoth Cave National Park. He was a park guide from 1969 – 1972, and then returned after his retirement and worked as a guide from 2003-2012. In 2008 he was voted Guide of the Year. Mr. Doyle found great pleasure in his role as guide and took great joy in his work with the public.

Mr. Doyle has played a vital role in our community, school systems and his church. He was on the Board of Directors for the YMCA for 10 years. In addition, he was very active in acquiring needed supplies for students through his contacts with various civic organizations.

Throughout his career, Mr. Doyle received many accolades and awards: Director of Pupil Personnel Award, KASA President's Award of Lifetime Achievement, KASA Leadership Award, Award of Excellence in Recognition of Volunteer Service to Kentucky Children and YMCA of the USA Distinguished Program Service Award.

When asked what lessons he has learned since graduation, he stated that as educators we must be more loving and understanding of our students – a sentiment he exhibited each and every day of his career. And when asked what advice he would give recent graduates, he simply stated that you should do your best each and every day.

## Michael Goodman

### Barren County High School - 2006

Dr. Michael Goodman was born on June 21, 1988 in Glasgow, KY. He is the son of John Stephen Goodman and Alicia Lynn Goodman, who now reside in Edmonson County. Michael began his scholastic career at Park City Elementary School, then continued onto Barren County Middle School. He then attended Barren County High School. While at Barren County High, Michael was a member of various clubs and organizations as well as the varsity golf team. He completed many rigorous courses, including advanced placement classes, in order to fulfill the requirements for the Kentucky Commonwealth Diploma. During the Summer of 2006, he was fortunate enough to be one of three student participants from Barren County for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. For five weeks, Michael was part of this immersive studies program at Centre College in Danville alongside some of the most academically talented students from across the Commonwealth. This experience reinforced his passion for academics and learning alongside others from diverse backgrounds. Michael graduated from Barren County with a 4.0 GPA while earning college credit from AP classes as well as dual-credit from Western Kentucky University.



Following high school, Michael was awarded a full tuition Presidential Scholarship for the University of Kentucky in Lexington. During his time at UK, he was an Ambassador for the College of Arts & Sciences and worked in recruiting prospective students to attend UK for college as well. For four semesters, Michael completed undergraduate research in the laboratory of Dr. David Allan Butterfield in the Department of Chemistry. Under the direction of Dr. Butterfield and graduate students in the lab, Michael completed experiments to understand how free radical oxidative stress contributed to the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative diseases, specifically Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Butterfield was instrumental in leading Michael to vigorously pursue challenging questions which could potentially be solved by science and ultimately influenced him to continue scientific research in graduate school. Michael graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with an emphasis in Biochemistry, also earning the Merck Index Undergraduate Research Award.

After a gap year of substitute teaching at Glasgow High School and continuing research with Dr. Butterfield at UK, Michael continued his education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN as a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry Ph.D. Program. He was initially awarded a Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology Graduate Student Fellowship. In addition to completing the required courses for study, he completed various lab research rotations, ultimately joining the lab of Dr. Richard Armstrong. In Dr. Armstrong's lab, scientific experiments were conducted to elucidate the biochemical mechanism of an enzyme involved in chronic inflammatory diseases. During this time, numerous scientific skills were acquired, specifically molecular biology cloning, membrane protein expression and purification, and assays to evaluate enzymatic activity in their relation to human diseases. While working with Dr. Armstrong at Vanderbilt, Michael was able to travel to Stockholm, Sweden to complete collaborative research with Dr. Ralf Morgenstern at the esteemed Karolinska Institutet. Unfortunately, Dr. Armstrong unexpectedly passed away in June of 2015, approximately halfway through Michael's graduate student tenure.

For the last half of his graduate research, Michael was fortunate to join the lab of Dr. Lawrence Marnett, a renowned Professor in the Departments of Biochemistry and Chemistry. For the next few years, Michael investigated a similar area of biochemistry, studying an oxygenase enzyme involved in chronic inflammation and how it contributes to various human diseases. During his time in the Marnett lab, Michael was awarded another opportunity to travel to the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm to learn a powerful biochemical technique, Cryo-Electron Microscopy, with which to investigate the biochemical structure of proteins involved in inflammation-related disorders. Dr. Marnett fostered a productive lab environment for Michael and effectively contributed to the success in completing his graduate studies. Michael defended his Ph.D. dissertation in March of 2018 and officially graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry in May of 2018.

For the next stint of his professional career, Michael moved to the west coast as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California-Davis in Davis, CA. While at UC-Davis, Michael worked under the mentorship of Dr. Bruce Hammock, Distinguished Professor of Entomology and the UC-Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center. Shortly after beginning his work there, Michael was awarded a Fellowship in Oncogenic Signals and Chromosome Biology from the National Institutes of Health. His research project involved experiments to determine how lipid metabolism contributes to human diseases, specifically cancer. Michael also contributed to projects to study how small biomolecules known as nanobodies could potentially be used as therapeutics in

human diseases.

In November of 2020, Michael was able to return to Vanderbilt University in Nashville and joined the lab of Dr. Charles Sanders in the Department of Biochemistry as a Staff Scientist. Michael is still currently employed in this position and is part of an innovative collaboration between Vanderbilt and Deerfield Management Company to develop a therapeutic agent to treat Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease. In this role, Michael works with various cell lines to express and purify the protein involved in this particular disease and test small molecule compounds that potentially target it, in order to ultimately correct its disease pathogenesis. Michael is currently making progress alongside talented colleagues in the Sanders Lab in finding promising lead compounds that could eventually progress to human clinical trials in the future.

Thus far in his scientific career, Michael has contributed to numerous peer-reviewed publications, focusing on how proteins and their inhibition relate to human diseases. He has mentored various undergraduate and graduate students, as well as collaborating with many talented scientists at Vanderbilt and other institutions. His work has been presented at a number of conferences, both domestically and internationally. Michael hopes that his copious hours spent working in the lab will be a lasting contribution to our world and how we treat diseases.

In addition to being a scientist, Michael has a strong connection to Mammoth Cave National Park. While not actively in school, he has been a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Mammoth Cave National Park. Working at Mammoth Cave allowed Michael to lead thousands of visitors from around the world through the world's longest cave system, educating them on its geological and historical significance. Michael followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Lyman Cutliff, who was a cave guide prior to the cave's designation as a National Park. Additionally, his grandfather, Lewis Cutliff, was a cave guide for numerous years and retired as the Chief of Interpretation in 1992. Michael's siblings, Amber and Adam Turner, and Cole Goodman were also employed seasonally at Mammoth Cave. Michael continues to hold a strong love for the cave and visits frequently to see old friends, hike, and kayak.

Outside of his professional duties, Michael has a strong passion for the outdoors, especially hiking. He has hiked countless miles of trails across the United States as well as various sites in Europe and Canada. Perhaps one of the most rewarding hikes was crossing from the South Rim to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Michael also finds solace in long distance running. He regularly runs for physical and mental health and has participated in many races, primarily half marathons. He successfully completed the Music City Full Marathon in Nashville in April of 2019.

Michael has learned many lessons since graduating high school and is continuing to learn as life progresses. He believes we are all lifelong students. Some of the more valuable lessons he has learned are related to dedication and compassion. Career wise, he thinks it is imperative to find one's passion at an early stage and pursue it with vigor. He claims we are all human beings with unique talents and skillsets, whether that be in science and engineering, healthcare, trades, or many other fields. It is imperative to identify what is fulfilling to one's life and interest and get connected with those who can help achieve one's goals. In his personal life, Michael remained connected with those who have helped him flourish and not judge, doubt, or discourage his motives. He has consistently held the belief that his family and friends are his most valuable support network, which has been critical when challenges have arisen on his professional path. Michael is also eternally grateful for phenomenal mentors, especially Professors Marnett and Sanders at Vanderbilt, for guiding him to success with such benevolence. Finally, Michael attributes his success to his Creator in giving him unending opportunities, talents, and motivation to make the world a better place. He attends church at Little Bethel Baptist Church in Kentucky as well as Edgefield Church in Nashville.





## Eugene Maxwell

### Barren County High School - 1988



Eugene was born in El Paso, TX to Clarence and Mary Maxwell in 1970. The son of a soldier in the United States Army, Eugene's childhood was marked by frequent moves and new friendships. From 1970 until his enrollment at Hiseville Junior High in 1983, Eugene attended schools in Fulda, Germany; Bad Kissingen, Germany; El Paso, TX; Norridgewock, ME; and Fort Defiance, VA. After arriving in Kentucky, Eugene attended Hiseville Junior High and graduated from Barren County High School in 1988.

Since his graduation, Eugene has earned several degrees. He earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in History and Government from Western Kentucky University in

1992, a Master of Arts in Homeland Security with an emphasis in Terrorism from American Military University in 2010, and a Master of Science in Joint Planning and Strategic Studies from the National Defense University in 2018.

In 1990, while attending Western Kentucky University, Eugene enlisted into HHB 1/623 Field Artillery in Glasgow as a combat medic in the Kentucky Army National Guard (ARNG). Shortly after his enlistment, Eugene completed Combat Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and then Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. While at Fort Sam Houston, Eugene successfully passed the National Registry Exam for Emergency Medical Technician.

After being promoted to the rank of sergeant, Eugene was selected to attend Officer's Candidate School (OCS) at the Kentucky Military Academy in Fort Knox. Upon his graduation from OCS in 1994, Eugene completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK as a field artillery officer.

Over the next 17 years, Eugene spent 14 years assigned to three different batteries as part of the 1/623rd Field Artillery. Eugene served as platoon leader on three assignments, held battery command in Tompkinsville for three years, battalion S-3 for two years, and served as the battalion executive officer in Glasgow. During this time, Eugene was mobilized on three separate occasions. In 2003, while in command of Alpha Battery 1/623rd, the unit mobilized to Fort Campbell in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF). They were then off-ramped to Iraq. Then in 2004, as a member of the 206th Engineer Battalion, Eugene deployed to Doha, Kuwait, to serve on a Base Defense Liaison Team (BDLT). Finally in 2007, Eugene mobilized for active duty at Fort Knox. He served the next three and a half years as the battalion executive officer for the newly activated Warrior Transition Unit (WTU).

In 1996, Eugene was selected for Kentucky State Police (KSP) Cadet Class #74. After 22 weeks of training, Eugene was sent to Post #9 in Pikeville, KY where he was assigned to Pike County as a KSP Trooper. Then, in 1998, Eugene transferred to Post #3 in Bowling Green. Over the next three years, Eugene worked two years as a trooper in Warren County and one year as the Post #3 Select Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) trooper. In 2001, Eugene was selected to be a Detective for Post #3. He served as a Post #3 Detective until 2010. In 2010, Eugene transferred to Post #4 in Elizabethtown. In December 2011, Eugene retired from the Kentucky State Police.

Eugene then volunteered for a one-year tour on active duty at the National Guard Bureau (NGB) headquarters in Arlington, VA. While at NGB, Eugene was hired into the Title 10 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program and subsequently sent to Fort Sill, OK, in 2012. Upon arriving at Fort Sill, Eugene served as the Field Artillery program manager for Precision Fires Warrior and the Joint Effect Targeting System. In 2013, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned as the Senior ARNG FA Force Developer.

In 2015, Eugene was selected for battalion command. He was reassigned to Fort Gordon, GA, to command the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB). The Fort Gordon WTB was comprised of four companies from Georgia and Puerto Rico and contained over 600 "wounded, ill, and injured soldiers," 120 military cadre, and 100 civilian employees. Eugene was serving as the last Fort Gordon WTB Commander when the unit deactivated in 2016.

Upon completing battalion command and a brief assignment at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, as the ARNG Deputy Chief of Staff, Eugene was selected for "War College." He was reassigned to Norfolk, VA, to attend the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS). While attending JAWS, Eugene's thesis, "Asleep at the Wheel: U.S. Strategy to Combat Emerging Terrorist Threats in the United States" was published in the Defense Technical Information Center. As part of the National Defense University

from Fort McNair in Washington, DC, Eugene earned a Master of Science in Joint Planning and Strategic Studies.

Upon graduation from JAWS, Eugene moved to Washington, D.C., to work at the Pentagon in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OUSD-P). Eugene served as the military assistant to the Honorable Kenneth Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Homeland Defense and Global Security (HD&GS). As ASD Rapuano's military assistant, Eugene was the primary military advisor and coordinator for the HD&GS portfolio. The HD&GS portfolio consisted of five directorates: Homeland Defense Integration, Cyber Policy, Space Policy, Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance.

Since leaving the Pentagon in 2020, Eugene has served in two duty locations. From 2020 to 2022, Eugene served in the Mobilization and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) division as the training branch chief at U.S. Army Europe-Africa in Wiesbaden, Germany. As training branch chief, Eugene facilitated the Overseas Deployment Training (ODT) for all Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve (USAR) units that train in Europe and Africa. In 2022, Eugene moved to his last duty location. He serves as the ARNG Plans, Programs, and Policy Officer for NORAD-NORTHCOM in Colorado Springs, CO. Eugene is projected to retire from the Army National Guard in the spring of 2025 with over 35 years of military service.

Eugene has been married to Sherry Dennison Maxwell since 1993. They have two adult children: Peyton and Ben Maxwell. Their daughter, Peyton Maxwell, is a 2022 graduate of the University of Kentucky. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Strategic Communication. She currently lives in Lexington, KY. Their son, Ben Maxwell, is a junior at the University of Kentucky. He is working toward a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a minor in French. He currently lives in Lexington, KY.

Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Maxwell's awards include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Combat Action Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

## **Judge Mica Wood Pence** **Barren County High School - 2002**

Judge Mica Wood Pence, a 2002 graduate of Barren County High School, has deep roots in Barren County Schools. She, her sister (Michelle Murphy), both of her parents (Mike and Linda Wood), and her grandmother (Katherine Peden) are products of Temple Hill School. She, her sister, her brother-in-law (Daryl Murphy), along with a nephew (Corbin) and niece (Katie) are connected with BCHS, and her son (Chandler) attends Red Cross Elementary. These connections create strong community ties.

After progressing from Temple Hill Elementary School and graduating from BCHS, Mica stepped into her post-secondary endeavors at Georgetown College where she received her B.A. in Political Science (2006). Those endeavors continued at the University of Kentucky from which she received her law degree (2009).

She credits a long list of educators, along with her parents, with influencing her along her educational journey and cites many specific lessons they shared which continue to play a role in her life today.

Her professional journey has been influenced strongly by Former Governor Martha Layne Collins who advised “Just be ready to fill whatever need may arise in your community.” Using that advice has led her to opportunities and experiences that she never could have foreseen. Her experience serving as Court Appointed Counsel in Dependency, Neglect and Abuse cases led to experience in the courtroom as both a GAL (Guardian Ad Litem) and as a CAC (Court Appointed Counsel) where she saw firsthand and learned to work with the needs of children and families in crisis.

She went on to open, with two other local attorneys, the first all-female law firm in Barren County. In 2018, she became the first female, and youngest judge, elected to the judicial branch of government in Barren and Metcalfe counties when she was sworn in as the Circuit Court Judge of the 43rd Circuit, Division II Family Court. She was re-elected to the position in 2022.

In her position as judge, she has been active with local, state and national organizations to help reform our laws to better serve children. She represented Kentucky family court judges at the National Judicial Leadership Summit on Child Welfare and is a member of the Judicial Engagement Workgroups to improve practices between the Court and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to improve access to mental health services for families in Dependency, Neglect and Abuse cases, and to establish a statewide drug court recovery program for families.

Her focus on listening to a variety of perspectives led her to help found Bridge Kentucky, an organization located in Glasgow that connects at-risk families to the resources they need to avoid placing children into the foster care system. With her daily interactions in the courtroom focusing on these same families, she is dedicated to “meeting the needs that arise” in her community.

Judge Pence resides in Barren County with her husband Wayne, and son Chandler.





## **Dr. Steven Ragle Barren County High School - 1992**

Dr. Steven Ragle is a 1992 Barren County High School graduate. He graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and as a Commonwealth Diploma recipient. He attended Georgetown College from August 1992 to May 1996. Steve next attended the University of Kentucky College of Medicine from August 1997 to May 2001. He completed Emergency Medicine Residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center from May 2001 to June 2004.

Steven obtained ABEM Board Certification in 2005, ABEM 10-year recertification in 2016, Tennessee State License and Federal DEA Licensure. In addition, Steven has earned certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support and Advanced Pediatric Life Support.

Steven has held several administrative positions including facilities medical director, president and trustee of Emert-trust and medical director of Williamson County EMS. Steven is currently employed by the Williamson County Medical Center in Emergency Medicine.

Steven is a member of the American College of Emergency Physician Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, the American Academy of Emergency Medicine American Medical Association and the Wilderness Medicine Society.

Steven will say that all his accomplishments would not be possible if not for the many influences, encouraging words, and experiences he had during his education at Barren County Schools. To this day, he remembers Ann Nance, then Eastern Elementary counselor, pulling him aside to point out his talents and his ability to do great things.

During his time in the Barren County School system, Steven not only experienced academic success but also found success on the basketball court, receiving various awards and becoming a member of the 1000-point club.

Steven currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee, and divides his time between work and his two children Anna Byrns and Porter.

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## **2022 Alumni/Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients**



## William Robert “Bud” Tarry



William Robert “Bud” Tarry was born in Barren County to Blondell Nichols Tarry and the late Robert Tarry. He began his education with his sisters, Christine Tarry Key and Roberta Tarry Bryant, in the 1st to 7th grades at Hiseville High School before transferring and graduating from Temple Hill High School in 1963. Bud enrolled in Western Kentucky University achieving a degree in History and Physical Education in 1969. In the fall of that year, Bud began his career in education by teaching Modern Math at his alma mater, Temple Hill High School. After the first semester, he was drafted into the US Army. Bud’s basic training was at Ft. Knox, KY followed by light weapons Infantry training at Ft. Polk, LA. and NCO School at Ft. Benning, GA where he was promoted to Sergeant. In 1971, he began his tour of duty in Viet Nam with the Americal Division in Chu Lai, South Vietnam. Bud received the following awards for his military service: National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Ribbon, Army Accommodation Medal and Bronze Star. Bud was discharged from the Army in November of 1971 and returned to teaching 6th Grade at Temple Hill High School that same November.

Bud continued his education at Western Kentucky University by completing a Master’s Degree in Health and Safety and Rank I in School Administration with all of the endorsements. During his teaching career, Bud taught 8th Grade US History, Girl’s Physical Education and Health (7th, 8th, 9th Grades) and Physical Education (Kindergarten- 8th Grade) for 25 years. In addition to teaching, Bud and coworker, Jerry Harvey, began coaching freshman football, boys basketball and girls basketball for four years. After the Freshman moved to Barren County High School, they continued coaching Middle School football for fifteen years with a record of 90-15, including 13 County Championships and 2 County Runners-up Championships. Bud and Jerry were very proud of their record and the value of team work that they instilled in their players.

In 1994, Bud moved to the Barren County Central Office as Director of Pupil Transportation and Facilities. During his 10-year tenure as Director of Facilities, Barren County schools underwent a 30 million dollar expansion and remodeling phase. In his 16 ½ years as Director of Pupil Transportation, Bud achieved the National Certified Director of Pupil Transportation and KY Association of Pupil Transportation Director of the Year. Bud officially retired in 2010 after 41 ½ years of service in education only to return in 2019 as Interim Director of Pupil Transportation and continues in that role today.

Throughout his career, Bud has always been committed to leadership, county and community development. He has served in numerous roles through professional organizations such as: President, Board member and Executive Director of KY Association of Pupil Transportation, President of Barren County Education Association- 3 terms, President of Barren County Schools Alumni Association- 3 terms, KY Education Association Legislative Committee Chairman- 2 terms, National Education Association Delegate- 3 terms.

Bud’s community involvement includes: Fifty year member of Temple Hill Lions Club,



President and Trustee, Chairman of Barren County Fair, Emcee of the Barren County Beauty Pageant- 40 years, Secretary of Temple Hill Volunteer Fire Department Board- 41 years, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of Barren County Democratic Committee- 30 years, Barren County Cattleman's Association Member, Barren County 4-H Volunteer-42 years, City-County Planning Commission- 22 years, Secretary-Treasurer -12 years, Barren County Recreation Board -17 years, Chairman, Highway 63 Improvement Committee, Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Director and Clerk of Siloam Baptist Church.

Bud has received numerous prestigious awards including: Glasgow-Barren County Chamber of Commerce Ernie Award, 3rd District Education Association Recognition for Outstanding Leadership, Temple Hill Junior High School Teacher of the Year, Barren County Board of Education Certified Member of the Month, KY 4-H Hall of Fame TEAM Award and 2022 Barren County High School Athletic Hall of Fame as Member of 1961 Football Championship Team.

Bud has been married for 41 years to Paula Forrester Tarry, Barren County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development. They have a daughter, Miranda, who attended Temple Hill School, Barren County High School, received a Bachelor's Degree from Western KY University and Master's Degree from Rutgers's University. Miranda resides in Owensboro, KY with her husband, Junior Huffman.

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## 2022 Hall of Distinguished Honor Recipients



**2023**

**Barren County Alumni Association**

Director - Jackie Nuckols

Chairman - Brad Groce

Vice-Chairman - Cindy Wilson

Secretary-Treasurer - Ellen Blevins

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| Ellen Blevins | Tammy Groce      | Krista Steenbergen |
| Brennan Crain | Jeanelle McGuire | Sundy Thomas       |
| Sonia Eaton   | Bo Matthews      | Cindy Wilson       |
| Brad Groce    | Jackie Nuckols   | Linda Wood         |

**Barren County Alumni Class Representatives**

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Cindy Alexander      | Morgan Gossett | Mica Pence      |
| Starla Buckley       | Joanna Harvey  | Nikki Poland    |
| Sheila Bunch         | Beau Jones     | Brittany Taylor |
| Scott Chapman        | Nicole Jones   | Bud Tarry       |
| Debra Mitchell Crews | Jill Kinslow   | Kelsey Thomas   |
| Sonia Eaton          | Shelia Mizell  | Ashton Wallace  |

**The Purpose of the Barren County Alumni Association**

- To unite in a close fellowship, cultivate friendships, and promote goodwill.
- To educate alumni, friends of the school, and the public at large about the current events, activities, and programs at BCHS.
- To provide opportunities for alumni to offer financial support to Barren County High School.
- To enhance the awareness of communication between BCHS and its graduates by offering a directory of alumni.
- To provide a means for Barren County High graduates, current students, and supporters to maintain close ties with their high school through networking opportunities.
- To recognize distinguished alumni.
- To invite alumni from Austin Tracy, Hiseville, Park City & Temple Hill as Heritage members to promote and enhance communications between these groups with common interest.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME(IF APPLICABLE)\_\_\_\_\_

CLASS OF\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ STATE\_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME (IF APPLICABLE)\_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

\_\_\_\_\_ALUMNI: Any graduate of Barren County High is an alumnus of the Association, along with their spouse as well as active and retired BCHS Faculty/Staff.  
Membership Dues: \$10/year

\_\_\_\_\_HERITAGE ALUMNI: Any person who graduated from any Barren County School prior to consolidation (Austin Tracy, Hiseville, Park City, Temple Hill.  
Membership Dues \$10/year

\_\_\_\_\_ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any individual or business, who is not an alumnus, but gives of time, energy, or financial resources toward the advancement of Barren County High School. Membership Dues \$10/year

IN LIEU OF, OR IN ADDITION TO MY DUES I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$\_\_\_\_\_

A MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$\_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF\_\_\_\_\_

A HONORARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF\_\_\_\_\_

Detach and return to Jackie Nuckols at BCHS, 507 Trojan Trail, Glasgow, KY 42141



# The Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc.

“One person can make a difference and every person should try”. This quote, credited to President Kennedy, expresses very succinctly the mission of the Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation was established in June, 1994 with a stated purpose to fund and help establish worthwhile educational endeavors in conjunction with the Barren County Board of Education. For the 2021/22 school year, the Foundation has administered twelve scholarships, four funds, and nine grants to benefit students, whether they are enrolled in elementary to high school, secondary education, continuing education, or GED classes. Donors may direct giving to specific areas of need through grants, scholarships, even non-monetary gifts. ***No gift is too small or unappreciated.*** All gifts are tax deductible. Donations may be made anonymously. Officers and directors meet quarterly in conjunction with the Barren County Alumni Association.

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## Dr. Jerry Ralston Excellence in Learning Scholarship Winners



# 2023 Barren County Alumni/ Education Foundation Scholarship Winners



*Alumni High School*  
Megan Shirley



*Alumni Post Secondary*  
Connor Groce



*Ruel & Nell Houchens*  
*ATC Skills for*  
*Success Scholarship*  
Will Childress



*Ruel & Nell Houchens*  
*ATC Skills for*  
*Success Scholarship*  
Aleia Kate Harper



*Ruel & Nell Houchens*  
*ATC Skills for*  
*Success Scholarship*  
Jackson Houchens



*Barry Britt*  
*Memorial Scholarship*  
Macy Lockhart



*Brad Cannon/Home Instead*  
*Senior Care Scholarship*  
Carson Beckham



*Sherri Davis Medical*  
*Scholarship*  
Kennedy Sutherland



*Joe & Alice Elliott*  
*Math Scholarship*  
Ethan Combs

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*Pat & Wayne Gaunce  
Scholarship*  
Riley Jo Mathews



*Danny Hale Memorial  
Electric Scholarship*  
James Harper



*Cleo & Glynn Hogan  
Excellence in JROTC Scholarship*  
Cadet SMG Autumn G.  
Anderson



*Lockshield Partners Arthur  
Cotton Memorial Scholarship*  
Hayli Jackson



*Mitchell-Crews-Thompson  
Scholarship*  
Leah Grace Crain



*Mitchell-Crews-Thompson  
Scholarship*  
Hayli Jackson



*Purple Toad  
Business Scholarship*  
Joshua Brooks



*Helen Russell  
Future Educator Scholarship*  
Carson Beckham



*Helen Russell  
Future Educator Scholarship*  
Riley Prichard

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*Helen Russell*  
*Future Educator Scholarship*  
Aleia Kate Harper



*Helen Russell*  
*Future Educator Scholarship*  
Jolea Minix



*Helen Russell*  
*Future Educator Scholarship*  
Madygan Proffitt

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BC Alumni Distinguished Hall of Honor?***

Please fill out the application below and send to  
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507 Trojan Trail, Glasgow, KY 42141, or Cindy Wilson, 1976  
Etoile Road, Glasgow, KY 42141.

Categories for Distinguished Hall of Honor:

Agriculture

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation year/School attended \_\_\_\_\_

Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Please address the contribution, either professionally or personally,  
the nominee has made to his/her community and his/her awards  
and achievements.

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